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FOR LEWIS FROM EILTS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, MILI, EG, IS
SUBJECT: BEGIN ON BELLICOSITY

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1. I KNOW THE EDITORIAL IN QUESTION. IT WAS IN AL
AHRAM AND WAS WRITTEN BY PAPER'S EDITOR ALI HAMDI GAMAL.
IT WAS A FOOLISH ARTICLE, WHICH GREW OUT OF THE
GROWING STATE OF FRUSTRATION BEING FELT HERE BY WHAT IS
UNIFORMLY REGARDED AS TOTAL ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE.

2. RATHER THAN MENTION IT TO GOE, I SAID A WORD ABOUT IT
LAST NIGHT TO ALI HAMDI GAMAL AT IRANIAN RECEPTION. GAVE
HIM MY PERSONAL VIEW THAT ARTICLES OF THIS SORT DO NOT
HELP TO CREATE THE KIND OF ATMOSPHERE NEEDED FOR SUCCESS-
FUL TALKS. ON CONTRARY, THEY ONLY GET UP ISRAELI DANDERS.
ALI HAMDI GAMAL GOT THE POINT. HE WAS A BIT ABASHED ABOUT
THE EDITORIAL, BUT ASKED IF I HAD SEEN BEGIN'S INTERVIEW

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PUBLISHED LATEST NEWSWEEK. I HAD NOT SEEN INTERVIEW. HE
CALLED IT A "DISASTER." IT SHOWED BEGIN AT HIS MOST
INTRANSIGENT SELF. IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT,
ALI HAMDI GAMAL CLAIMED, TO KEEP UP EGYPTIAN PUBLIC MORALE
IN THE FACE OF BEGIN'S UNYIELDING POSITIONS, INCLUDING ON
THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI. BECAUSE OF THIS, ALI
HAMDI GAMAL CONTENDED, SADAT'S POSITION AT HOME AND IN THE

ARAB WORLD IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT.

3. ALI HAMDI GAMAL IS AMONG THOSE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE TALKS. HE IS A GOOD JOURNALIST, BUT RETAINS DEEP SUSPICIONS OF ISRAELI INTENTIONS. AT THE MOMENT HE APPEARS TO BE CONVINCED THAT HIS SUSPICIONS ARE WELL FOUNDED. EILTS

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